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DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR MAY BROWNFIELDS WORKSHOPS!

This is your final listserv reminder about Wisconsin's spring brownfields conferences. "Wisconsin Brownfields - Future Solutions Now" is a one-day workshop that will be held in five locations and is open to anyone interested in brownfields cleanup and redevelopment, including local government officials, lenders, developers and consultants. The workshops will be held in May in the following cities:

- Wednesday, May 10 - Alumni Memorial Union, Marquette University, Milwaukee
- Thursday, May 11 - Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton
- Tuesday, May 16 - Holiday Inn, Rhinelander
- Thursday, May 18 - Holiday Inn Convention Center, Eau Claire
- Wednesday, May 24 - Marriott Madison West, Madison

The workshops will highlight new and existing state brownfields initiatives and focus on local success stories. Success stories will include:

- MILWAUKEE: 1) Washington Square Mall - A New Start in Germantown, and 2) Third Ward Redevelopment
- APPLETON: 1) City of New London - an ER TIF first!, and 2) Oshkosh - A Community Approach To Brownfields
- RHINELANDER: 1) Wausau - A Community Approach To Brownfields, and 2) Murray Machinery - A Brownfield With Everything
- EAU CLAIRE: 1) Murray Machinery - A Brownfield With Everything, and 2) La Crosse - A Community Approach To Brownfields
- MADISON: 1) West Allis - A Community Approach To Brownfields, and 2) Metalfab, Inc. - Good News For Columbus

The workshops run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are sponsored by the state departments of Natural Resources, Commerce, Transportation, Administration and Health and Family Services. More than 500 individuals attended the first brownfields workshops in April 1998. For registration, contact the UW-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS), 608-263-1672 or see the registration brochure on our web site at http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/bfield_wshops.pdf For additional information about Wisconsin's brownfields program, check out our web site at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/index.htm> or contact Andrew Savagian at 608-261-6422.

NR 746

On April 26 the Natural Resources Board adopted emergency rule NR 746, which is scheduled to become effective May 18, 2000, after publication in the official state newspaper (when the current version of NR 746 expires). The emergency rule language is the same as Commerce's new version of Comm 46. The new version of NR 746/Comm 46 contains methodology for determining the risk to public health, safety, and welfare and to the environment posed by petroleum discharges. The rule also defines high, medium and low risk sites, and establishes procedures for transferring sites from one agency to another when information relevant to the site classification becomes available. The

rule provides jointly developed requirements for determining when sites may close, including when remediation by natural attenuation may be approved as the final remedial action.

The Board also authorized hearings on NR 746 as a permanent rule, but hearings have not yet been scheduled. The rule language for emergency rule NR 746, as well as background information for the permanent rule (green sheet, fiscal note, and background memo) is on our web site at http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi_regs/index.htm

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